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STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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Congratulating and Honoring Thomas E. Gibbons

WHEREAS, *Thomas E. Gibbons* graduated in 1996 from Jay John College, where earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Thomas entered the New York State Police Academy on October 23rd, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Thomas began his law enforcement as a Trooper in Newburgh (Orange County) until appointment to Investigator on May 20, 2004; and

WHEREAS, he has also worked as an Investigator in Liberty (Sullivan County), Horseheads (Chemung County), Geneseo (Livingston County), Amity (Alleghany County) and Lockport (Niagara County); and

WHEREAS, over his years of dedication and experience in law enforcement, Thomas served throughout New York State in various capacities with the mindset to give back to the community and developed a vast interest in protecting others; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable tenure as an Investigator, Thomas investigated variety of cases including homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries and thefts; and

WHEREAS, Tom's courage in the face of danger along with his firm temperament and love of life helped him in becoming a Crisis Negotiator, a co-coordinator for the Troop A Crisis Negotiators Unit, and service in the Protective Services Unit, where he served the past four Governors and Lt. Governors of NYS; and

WHEREAS, on March 13th, 2016, Tom was appointed to the position of Senior Investigator and assigned to the Campus Sexual Assault Victims Unit; and

WHEREAS, Thomas served as regional coordinator where he was responsible for being the liaison between the New York State Police and every college and university in the eight counties of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas developed and implemented Trauma Informed Interviewing training for all law enforcement in NYS and also provided presentations and education to middle, junior and high schoolers in Erie, Niagara and Orleans on the dating violence; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is a member of the Niagara County Child Abuse Intervention Project, the Niagara County Sexual Assault Response Team, the Western New York Consortium of Higher Education – Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention and Compliance Task Force and the Law Enforcement Administration Consortium, as well as the Erie County Rape Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is also a 2017 graduate of Leadership Niagara and is the recipient of the 2017 George M. Searle Memorial Award for his work on college campuses and within the community and was the recipient of two New York State Police Superintendent Commendations; and

WHEREAS, Thomas's final service with the New York State Police was as the Senior Investigator of the Lockport and Niagara Barracks in Niagara County, where he supervised 6 Investigators; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body desires to acknowledge and recognize individuals such as *Thomas E. Gibbons* who enhance, represent, and change by way of action through devoting his time to protect and serve his community through his public service for the New York State Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, it is with great honor that this this Legislative Body hereby applauds and recognizes *Thomas E. Gibbons* for his exceptional accomplishments through his career in Law Enforcement along with his superior spirit to protect and serve the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature congratulates Mr. Gibbons on a phenomenal career and commends him on his dedication to the State of New York.

Hon. April N.M. Baskin
Erie County Legislator, 2nd District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature